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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (July 8-15, 2007)

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11. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

12. (U) From July 8 to 15, 2007, three security officials were killed in action (KIA) or in explosions of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

13. (U) From July 8-15, three PKK terrorists were killed in action, three were captured, and four surrendered, including two who were turned over to Turkish authorities by Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) forces at the border crossing at Habur Gate.

14. (U) The TGS website reported three clashes that occurred between security forces and PKK terrorists in southeastern Turkey during the reporting period. Security forces unearthed eight PKK shelters and caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosive materials, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; satellite antennas; and radios.

15. (U) On July 9, a sheep stepped on a PKK land mine near Semdinli in Hakkari Province. The shepherd was slightly injured and four of his sheep perished.

16. (U) On July 9, the PKK raided a mine in a mountainous region of Hatay Province, stealing three cell phones that belonged to workers there, as well as food. They also destroyed machinery at the mine as they departed.

17. (U) On July 10, the PKK detonated a bomb near the Acemoglu Bridge in Kemah, Erzincan Province as a freight train transporting marble was passing over the bridge. Two train cars were damaged.

18. (U) On July 10, the PKK detonated a remote-controlled explosive on a rail line near Pulumur in Tunceli Province. Two rail cars of a freight train were derailed as a result.

19. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES NUMBER

May 2007	40
June 2007	40
July 1-7, 2007	5
July 8-16, 2007	3

CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007	15 KIA, 52 WIA
June 2007	23 KIA, 51 WIA
July 1-7, 2007	1 KIA, 4 WIA
July 8-16, 2007	3 KIA, --

PKK

May 2007	20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered
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June 2007	34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered
July 1-7, 2007	3 KIA, -- captured, -- surrendered
July 8-16, 2007	3 KIA, 3 captured, 4 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007	113
June 2007	50
July 1-7, 2007	13
July 8-16, 2007	8

110. (U) Following are casualty figures associated with PKK-related violence for 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES

	KIA	WIA
JANUARY	1	2
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	5	4
APRIL	18	16
MAY	15	42
JUNE	24	51
July 1-7, 2007	1	4
July 8-16, 2007	3	--
TOTAL	68	129

PKK
KIA Captured Surrendered

JANUARY	--	5	3	
FEBRUARY	--	14	--	
MARCH	16	15	7	
APRIL	16	8	4	
MAY	20*	31	3	
JUNE	34	16	17	
July 1-7, 2007	3	--	--	
July 8-16, 2007	3	3	4	
TOTAL	92	92	38	

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS
KIA WIA

JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	0	0
APRIL	1	0
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MAY	14*	108*
JUNE	1	1
July 1-7, 2007	--	--
July 8-16, 2007	--	1
TOTAL	17	110

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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